



State Board of Equalization

# News Release

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## **New Mobile Application Allows Taxpayers to Easily Make ePayments BOE ePay - fast, easy, safe and convenient way to do business**

**Sacramento** – Calling all owners of iPhones, Androids and other mobile devices.

The California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is offering a free application, BOE ePay, that allows owners of most mobile devices to make payments to their BOE tax and fee accounts, announced BOE Vice Chair Michelle Steel. BOE ePay provides a fast, easy, safe and convenient new way to do business.

“Expanded e-services are a win-win for both taxpayers and state government,” said Steel. “The added convenience of the ePay App will help taxpayers manage their accounts and pay their taxes wherever they are.”

BOE ePay enables taxpayers to use their credit card, checking or savings account to make ePayments, view their ePayment history and register and manage their eClient account. Taxpayers must register as an eClient to use all application features. An Express Login code is available to taxpayers who simply want to make ePayments.

To see BOE ePay in action, check out the video and find the application here: [www.boe.ca.gov/mobile/](http://www.boe.ca.gov/mobile/). Blackberry and other mobile devices can also use BOE ePay as long as they use a web browser other than Internet Explorer.

The application is the latest created by the BOE. Another application allows taxpayers to find the sales tax rate of any jurisdiction and locate their district office. These applications are another way the BOE is making it easier for Californians to comply with tax laws and regulations.

Check out the BOE’s interactive release at <http://pressitt.com/smnr/New-Mobile-Application-Allows-Taxpayers-to-Easily-Make-ePayments/11301/>.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California’s elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel’s decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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